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APPLICANTS: Charrier, et al.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief, following applicants' Notice of Appeal, dated January 14, 2004. With the extension, an Appeal Brief is due on or before August 16, 2004 (August 14 and August 15 being a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$2,010.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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